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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Rawson

SHORT TITLE Additional 3rd Judicial District Employees SB 97

ANALYST McOlash

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$272.6	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to: SB 34.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)
3rd Judicial District Attorney (JDA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 97 appropriates \$272,583 from the General Fund to the Third Judicial District Attorney for salary and benefits to add four staff members: Deputy District Attorney; Senior Trial Attorney; Administrative Secretary; and Prosecution Specialist.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$272,583 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 2007 shall revert to the General Fund.

The LFC recommended \$3,129,800 total in General Fund for the Third Judicial District for expenditure in FY 2007. The agency did not request an expansion in its FY 2007 request.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

AOC

The 2005 Legislature passed and the Governor signed a \$200,000 appropriation to the New Mexico Sentencing Commission for a workload measurement study of the Public Defender Department, Offices of the District Attorney, and state courts. An RFP was issued for the study and the respondents indicated that an additional \$152,000 would be needed to complete such a study. Senate Bill 34 requests this additional funding. It is anticipated that this study will be completed in FY 2007.

RELATIONSHIP

Senate Bill 34 requests the \$152,000 for the completion of the workload measurement study.

ALTERNATIVES

There is general agreement that there are unmet resource needs in the PDD, Offices of the District Attorneys, and the state courts. Statewide equity should be addressed after the completion of this study.

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